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## New 100% Franked Dividend ETF lists today

**Sydney, 2 May 2016** – VanEck today launched Australia's first ETF that only includes companies that have paid out 100% franked dividends in the past two years and have sustainable dividend policies. The VanEck Vectors S&P/ASX Franked Dividend ETF (FDIV) will seek to track the S&P/ASX Franked Dividend Index that S&P Dow Jones Indices developed in collaboration with VanEck.

**Arian Neiron, Managing Director, VanEck Australia** said, “Australians’ love affair with dividend franking credits is well known and unlike many other countries around the world, dividends here are not ‘double taxed’ and this encourages investment. With the cash rate at a record low Australian investors have been turning their attention to dividend yielding shares, seeking out associated franking credits,” he said.

“VanEck aims to provide investors with innovative investment solutions and this ETF was created in response to demand for certainty of income components. Investors in FDIV can be certain that the dividend income will be 100% franked and no other ETF can make this representation.”

FDIV will track the S&P/ASX Franked Dividend Index, an index designed specifically for domestic investors in Australia. The S&P/ASX Franked Dividend Index is comprised of 30 Australian companies that have paid out 100% franked dividends in the past two years and that maintain dividend policies under which investors can expect such dividends to be sustainable. Companies are selected from the S&P/ASX 200 and weighted based on their freely available stock. Sector and stock caps are imposed to ensure that no sector or stock dominates.

“The appeal of franking credits is well understood by Australian tax payers particularly those who have a zero or concessional tax rate,” Mr Neiron said. “For them, there is nothing more gratifying than receiving a cheque from the Australian Tax Office.”

**Tianyin Cheng, Associate Director of Strategy Indices at S&P Dow Jones Indices** said, “We are proud to introduce the S&P/ASX Franked Dividend Index which was developed specially for domestic investors in Australia as the benchmark for companies paying franked dividends - an arrangement that eliminates double taxation.”

**ENDS**

Fund	ASX code	Features	Management Cost
VanEck Vectors S&P/ASX Franked Dividend ETF	FDIV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first Australian equity income ETF to only include companies that have paid out 100% franked dividends</li> <li>Aims to provide investment returns that replicate the performance of the S&amp;P/ASX Franked Dividend Index (before management costs)</li> <li>The Index comprises 30 companies within the S&amp;P/ASX 200 that have paid out 100% franked dividends in the past two years while also maintaining sustainable dividend policies</li> <li>The weight of each industry sector is capped at 40% and the weight of any individual company is capped at 10%</li> <li>All the benefits of ETFs including:</li> </ul>	0.35% p.a.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Simple trading on the ASX</li> <li>○ Liquid</li> <li>○ Transparent daily holdings</li> <li>○ Cost effective</li> </ul>	
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With offices in key financial centres and regions including New York, Sydney, Shanghai, Frankfurt, Madrid and Zurich, VanEck offers investors broad investment reach with deep experience.

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